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2 KNOJ regiment was stationed in Pirot, commanded by

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- 2. As of 22 June 1950, there was a newly formed kNOJ Border Brigade in Pirot. This brigade was formed chiefly from kNOJ units charged with the maintainance of internal security, among them an unidentified kNOJ battalion formerly stationed in Valjevo. Another battalion of this brigade is stationed in Bosiljgrad and bears the identification number 375.
- 3. In April 1950, a KNOJ Border Company arrived in Nis from the Pirot sector. Officers of the company stated that the move is temporary. The reason for the company's withdrawal from the border is not known since it does not appear to be stationed in Nis for any special purpose or training.
- 4. The 176 KNOJ Railroad Battalion is stationed in Nis.
- 5. Reportedly, as of 22 June 1950, the headquarters and one regiment of 17 KNOJ Division were located in Nis.
- 6. As of 22 June 1950, headquarters of 16 Company of 95 KNOJ Border Battalion was located in Kungota. The 16 Company is commanded by It. Milenko Kerkez and the political commissar is 2nd It. Nikola Bozic, a Bosnian. Until the end of 1949, the Company was divided into 10 border patrols, including one patrol at Spicnik. At that time each patrol consisted of approximately 20 men; the total strength of the company was 180. Since the demobilization of an unspecified number of men, the patrols now consist of between eight and ten men, armed with six Soviet automatic rifles, six Soviet carbines, and one light machine gun of the DP model. One patrol is currently stationed at Sveti Juraj. The political commissar of the company stated during a lecture that the demobilization had taken place because Yugoslavia had become a member of the Security Council of the United Nations, which gave the country a feeling of security; hence the authorities had ordered that those who had served their military term might return home.
- 7. During the first half of December 1949, large KNOJ units arrived in Korcula, increasing the number of KNOJ troops there to over 1,000. The entire KNOJ detachment is under the command of a colonel, who has his headquarters in

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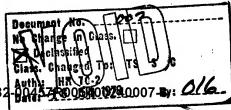
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the first barracks on the left of the entrance to the shipyard. The staff consists of another colonel, two majors, and approximately 25 company grade officers and non-commissioned officers. The 1 KNOJ Company is stationed in Vela Luka; the company formerly stationed in Flato has been withdrawn from that town. The entire detachment is quartered in barracks, of which several more have been constructed next to those already in existence. KNOJ's primary duty is to guard the shipyard; it also guards the warehouses, makes nightly inspection trips and ratrols, and exercises surveillance over the mobilized workers at the shiryard. During the day, the KNOJ troops who are not on guard duty help level the ground and work in the shippard. They are on duty 10 hours a day.

8. There is a reserve officers' school at Pirot, the commander of which is Major Angel Majsovski and the political commissar Captain Milan Lapovic. There are between 300 and 400 students, mostly company grade officers, at the school, divided into groups for purposes of training. The training courses last two months and are continuous. The course is chiefly for infantry officers and includes political instruction. Discipline at the school is very strict, the students being allowed to go into Pirot on Saturdays and Sundays only. Because the school is located very close to the Bulgarian border, it is rumored that it will be moved somewhere toward the interior of the country.

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